

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. KATAYAMA et al
Application No.: 10/629,808
Filed: July 30, 2003
For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE HAVING
FAULTY CELLS
Art Unit: 2827
Examiner: T. PHAN **CONF. 7915**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICATION
UNDER ACCELERATED EXAMINATION PROGRAM**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 30, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 2, 2007, applicants hereby elect the Group I (claims 1-19 and 67-89), without traverse.

Applicants and the undersigned attorney greatly appreciate the granting of special status in this matter, and request examination on the merits in accordance with the Accelerated Examination Program. With regard to this matter, inasmuch as no petition has been filed requesting this status, it is applicants understanding that this granting of special status is based upon the fact that the present application is a continuation application, based upon an originally filed U.S. Application having a filing date older than 5 years (thus qualifying as a "Special Case" under MPEP § 708.01).

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.36486CC6), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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